

Greetings From the East

Brothers and friends:

We are now drawing to the end of the fullest and most enjoyable years of my life. It has been both fruitful and I think rewarding.

My many thanks go to the officers who have served with me this year and have been such a help in making the success of the year that we have had. We appreciate also the cooperation we have had from the other bodies of the temple. It has greatly added to our work.

We have had a good year in Masonry. Our membership has grown. We have endeavored to create added interest in our meetings to increase attendance. I hope we have to some extent succeeded. Our main aim is to not only maintain our present interest, but to create additional interest in the coming year. It behooves each and every one of you to help in this endeavour because unless there is some awakening in Masonry it will soon devolve into a meaningless symbol.

I personally wish to congratulate the new corps of officers for 1960. You have every reason to be proud and we look forward to many good things from you. I am sure you know that the brethren are behind you and will assist you as much and whenever possible.

We are again at the season of the year when Brotherly Love and Relief are so abundant. Let us, each and every one, shine forth with the tenets of our profession to the extent that it will be with pride that people say he is a Mason.

God Bless each and every

Eastern Star Trestle Board

December 21 Christmas Party - Masonic and Eastern
Star families - Pot luck 6:30

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 11 Regular

January 25 Special - Birthday Dinner 6:30
Life Members guests

Masonic Association Notes

At the monthly meeting of the Ypsilanti Mosonic Association held December 4 it was decided to write a new agreement for the bowling alleys with Mr. James Wilbanks for the years 1960, 1961, and 1962.

Recent repairs, costing \$725, have been made to the alleys. R. V. Wright, Financial Secretary, was authorized to adjust the matter of boiler insurance now being carried on our building.

A resolution has been received and tabled for action at the annual meeting Friday, January 8th, 1960. This resolution will increase the number of trustees from ten to fifteen and will include the presiding officer of Phoenix Lodge, Excelsior Chapter, Union Council, Ypsilanti Commandery and Ypsilanti Chapter O.E.S. Attendance at meetings by these five officers should familiarize them with the problems of the Association.

one of you and again thanks to all who have contributed to the success of my year as Worshipful Master. Give the new officers the same support and cooperation you have given me.

Carl Schultz



sociation.

Phoenix Lodge has purchased two restaurant style kitchen carts and presented them to the Association. This was done as a token of appreciation to the O.E.S. for the fine service they have rendered for, lo, these many years. Thank you, sisters and brothers!

If you have any brilliant ideas, or even one idea, for raising money, your association will welcome you with open arms.

L. S. White, Secy.

Eastern Star News

On the first special meeting of the new year of 1959-60 held on November 23rd, the new officers were very proficient in their work as they gave the initiatory degree to Miss Rosemary Patrino, the daughter of two of our members, Andrew and Bessie Patrino. A delicious dinner was served preceeding the meeting with Assoc. Matron Laura Geib and Sister Gladys Carter in charge. During the year all special meetings will be preceeded by dinners and reservations are given to Sister Laura or to the telephone committee.

A very successful Bazaar was held on December 4th and 5th. Clowns, pennants and balloons decorated the dining room as the theme of a "Winter Carnival" prevailed. Those who attended found themselves in a gay atmosphere for the Christmas season. The booths were colorful in displaying candies, baked goods, aprons, handicrafts, toys and dolls. Sisters Thelma Milne and her committee sold beautifully made aprons; toys and dolls, with Gladys Carter in charge; home made candies by Edith Mott; fancy work and handicrafts in charge of Pearl Wilbur and white elephants by Lillian Oltmann and her committee. The tea room did business all Friday and Saturday morning with Iellavene Wallace in charge.

Rainbow girls checked coats and displayed Christmas articles in their booth. The meals were served cafeteria to a crowded dining room and all comments were favorable as to the delicious variety of food and the service. Sister Laura Geib and Minnie

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Appropriating Christmas

December brings for a large part of the Western world a season that constitutes a happy and meaningful experience. Candlelight and carols, tinsel and toys, holly and homecomings — all must be sandwiched between the routine tasks of everyday living. Light-headed crowds of people dart in and out of stores and buses, laden with bundles which seem weightless when measured against the anticipated joy of giving and receiving.

It is easy, however, to become too submerged in the outward wrappings and so miss some of the inner core of meaning inherent in the days ahead. Even those who cannot accept what Christmas symbolizes may appropriate some of its beauty and joy. The story itself is a poem, rich in imagery. Beauty is universal, whether it takes the form of a stirring sunset, a perfect painting or the magic of the Milky Way on a summer night, and may be appropriated by any and all who are tuned to accept and transmute it into their own lives and the lives of others. This is to appropriate the gift of Christmas.

The Christmas spirit need not be evanescent or linked only to a special season. It

should be stored away in the mind and heart, to be manifested throughout all the year; like the widow's oil and meal, it renews itself time and again without depletion. This is to appropriate the spirit of Christmas.

In this Twentieth Century of hot and cold wars, unprecedented violence and nuclear-inspired fears, there is need for us to appropriate all that Christmas can offer. Its message of "Peace on Earth" often seems a forlorn hope, the remnant of a splintered dream. The design in the tapestry of living has become blurred, its meaning obscured and often unintelligible. The pattern must be restored and strengthened before the warp and woof disintegrate further, for the fate of humanity hangs on tenuous threads. The shifting sands of distrust and dishonor must be reenforced with rock-like integrity and trust, and the old-fashioned virtues.

This is the challenge being thrown to individuals, societies and nations. Christmas can be appropriated and translated into action each day of the year.

— The New Age.



Officers of Phoenix for 1959

Worshipful Master	HU 2-6016	Carl E. Schultz
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Steward	HU 2-2454	Paul Hamilton
Marshall	HU 3-0249	Russell Akans
Chaplain	HU 3-0731	Bruce Vint
Tyler	HU 2-9704	Wesley D. Penman

Club Room

Any brothers who are interested in having the Club Rooms in the Masonic Temple open in the afternoons or evenings are asked to call Richard Weir at HU 2-5810. He is interested in finding out if any of the brothers are interested in using the Club Room.

School of Instruction

District Deputy Instructor for District 7 Brother Charlie Fagin has announced that on January 26 a school of instruction for the first degree will be held in the New Masonic Temple in Brighton at 7:30 P.M.

The New Temple in Brighton is located on North Street between Hyne & Pearce.

Christmas Fondant (uncooked)

- ½ c. butter or margarine
- 1 box confectioners' sugar
- 3½ T. milk or cream
- 1 t. vanilla

Cream butter or margarine. Gradually add sugar, continuing to cream until light and fluffy. Add cream and canilla. Knead until smooth. Form into desired shapes, place on cookie sheet covered with wax paper. Chill until firm.

Note: Peppermint, almond, maple or other flavoring may be used in place of vanilla. If desired, add food coloring. Fondant may also be dipped in chocolate or used to stuff dates.

"YUM YUM SALAD"

- 1 box lime jello
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple (drained). Use juice for jello.
- Let partially set, beat. Add 1 cup grated cheese and ½ pint cream, whipped. Store in refrigerator.



What Theodore Roosevelt Said

(Wisconsin Freemason)

"It seems to me what this country needs more than anything else, is to practice — not to preach only — but to practice the virtues realized in the career of the greatest Mason that ever lived — Washington — and pay to his memory the homage of deeds, not merely words.

"One of the things that attracted me so greatly in Masonry, that I hailed the chance of becoming a Mason, was that it did really act up to what we, as a people, are pledged to — of treating each man on his merits as a man. When Brother George Wash-

ington went into a lodge of dealing man.

the fraternity he went into the one place in the U.S. where he stood below or above his fellows according to their position in the lodge. He went into the place where the ideal of our government was realized as far as it is humanly possible for mankind to realize a lofty ideal. And I know that you will not only understand me, but sympathize with me, when I say that my pleasure is even greater when going into some little lodge, where I meet the plain hard working men — men who work with their hands — and meet them on a footing of genuine equality conditioned upon each man being a decent man, a fair-

"Masonry should make, and must make, each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations, a fine type of American citizenship, because Masonry teaches him obligations to his fellows in practical fashion. It is a good thing to read the Declaration of Independence every Fourth of July; it's a good thing to talk of what Washington and his fellows did for us.

"But what counts is how we live up to the lessons that we read o, that we speak of. The lesson of brotherhood first and foremost, is to learn that lesson with a full heart on the one hand and without a weak head on the other."



Officers of Union Council No. 11 R. & S.M.

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Woodside were in charge of the kitchen. Your Worthy Matron, who was general chairman was pleased and humble by the cooperation by each and every member who worked, donated and gave their time to such a successful project.

On December 9th the officers held a joint School of Instruction with Ann Arbor Chapter No. 122 at Ann Arbor. Sister Mabel Shaw, Associate Grand Matron gave us a very profitable evening by her gracious instructions.

Plans have been made for the annual Christmas party on December 21st. Eastern Star has charge of the food, Phoenix Lodge the entertainment, Council and Chapter are arranging the visit of a personal appearance of Santa Claus who will greet the many children and have a gift for each of them. All Masons and Eastern Star members are urged to attend and bring their families. 6:30 P.M. is the time, bring your own table service, a dish to pass, your children and grandchildren. Meat, coffee and milk will be furnished.

Sunshine chairman, Laura Geib reported many on the sick list this past month. They were Ruth Perry, Nina Renton, Belle Ross, Molly Steiner, Mary Shaver, Daisy Riley, Janet Curtis, Nina Cain, Betty Hawes, Nellie Tripp, Erwin Hendershot, Edith Leverett, and Margaret Dawson. Our sympathy goes to Don Smith and Bessie Patrina who each lost a brother. Jean Ohlinger Rummney has a new baby girl and we congratulate the new mother.

We are saddened by the sudden death of Howard Trotter. This chapter has lost a Past Patron and a good friend who always stood by whenever needed. Our sympathy goes to his family and his

Retrospections

By Uncle Lou

The earliest records of Phoenix Lodge state that the preliminary meeting called to

wife Gladys, one of our Past Matrons.

To the members of Eastern Star Christmas should be of special significance. May the light of the Star still bring to all of us the joys of Christmastide, and may its beams shine upon the pathway of the New Year to guide us in ways of happiness and paths of peace.

Fraternally yours,
Helen Crane,
Worthy Matron

request a dispensation for forming the lodge was held in the office of J. Goodell, March 4, 1846. The only J. Goodell in this vicinity at that time was Jotham Goodell, a farmer residing in Superior Township. It is hardly likely that a farmer would have had an office in the then village of Ypsilanti or would have had any business in town except such as a farmer would ordinarily conduct in town.

It is my contention that the meeting was really held in the office of Col. Johnson Goodwill, who at that time was a Justice of the Peace

and a business man as well. He was one of the principal characters in the Morgan abduction case in Batavia, N.Y. in 1826. This case was the cause of the formation of the anti-Masonic National political party of that period. Col. Goodwill was in Ypsilanti as early as 1839 but seems to have dropped out of the local picture subsequent to 1846. There is no record of either he or Jotham Goodell ever having been members of Phoenix Lodge.

A number of years later, one of our good brothers spied the scattered minutes of the early meetings so that they thereafter have appeared in their present form. This good brother simply mistook the name for Jotham Goodell, with who he was probably acquainted.

Officers

1959 - 60

Worthy Matron	Helen Crane
Worthy Patron	Harold Case
Associate Matron	Laura Geib
Associate Patron	Harold Lord
Secretary	Lenore Susterka
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Conductress	Lillian Garrett
Associate Conductress	Winnie Arnet
Chaplain	Loreta Boyd
Marshal	Margaret Case
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Adah	Doris Vint
Ruth	Dorothy Baker
Esther	Althea Eddings
Martha	Wilma Dudley
Electa	Anna Frank
Warder	Lillian Oltmann
Sentinel	Wesley Pennman

Auxillary Officers

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American Flag Bearer	William Garrett
Christian Flag Bearer	Hazel Laidlaw
Eastern Star Flag Bearer	Julia Parker
Drill Leader	Lellavene Wallace
Scriptures	Morton Crane
Blue Ray of Ruth	Madeline Boyle
Yellow Ray of Ruth	Cecil Coxford
White Ray of Esther	Clara Ensign
Green Ray of Martha	Thudora Fanslow
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